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Ref: MUR 5142

Dear Mr. Jordan:

Please consider this letter as our response for both Mrs. Bush and AmeriCares regarding the above referenced complaint.

Both Mrs. Bush and AmeriCares do not take Ms. Spataro's concerns lightly and can certainly understand how she must feel. However, we would like to offer an explanation as to how we came to send a letter to Ms. Spataro.

The overall purpose of our letter was an appeal for support for our international relief efforts and had nothing to do whatsoever with the presidential election campaign or any other political interest.

AmeriCares, like many other organizations, rents names of prospective donors in the list marketplace and pays market price for such names. In this particular case, the list was rented at arms length in the open marketplace from the "Elizabeth Dole for President" donor file through its managing agent, Pinnacle List Company. We paid fair market value for the list through our broker, Preferred Communications (invoice attached). For your reference, we have enclosed a representation from the President of Pinnacle, Ms. Holly Ruble, that "Mrs. Dole (The List Owner) guarantees and warrants that her list was legally obtained through her fundraising efforts....."

As you can appreciate, we have no way of knowing whether the complainant's name should have been included on the list in the first place.

Accordingly, it would seem that this must be an issue for Ms. Spataro and the Elizabeth Dole campaign to settle on their own.

Again, Mr. Jordan, while we very much understand Ms. Spataro's position, we always have and will always continue to work within the spirit and letter of the law.

Hopefully, we have clearly stated our response. However, if you, or anyone from your office, would like further information, please call me directly at 203-972-5526.

Sincerely,



A. James Forbes, Jr.
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cc: Mrs. Barbara Bush

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